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FOLLOWING TEXT DECLARATION BY PANAMA REP AS REPRODUCED AND
DISTRIBUTED BY SECRETARIAT:

QUOTE: HIS EXCELLENCY, MATERNO VASQUEZ, HEAD OF THE
DELEGATION OF PANAMA (REP), HAS ASKED THE SECRETARIAT TO PUBLISH
THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION:

"THE DELEGATION OF PANAMA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE
HONOURABLE DELEGATIONS OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE UNIVERSAL
POSTAL UNION ATTENDING THE 17TH CONGRESS AND WISHES TO INFORM
THEM THAT IT WILL MAKE A DECLARATION IN PLENARY MEETING TO REAFFIRM
THAT THE CANAL ZONE IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE TERRITORY OF THE
REPUBLIC OF PANAMA, SOVEREIGNTY OVER WHICH HAS NEVER BEEN
SURRENDERED TO ANY COUNTRY WHATEVER AND, ACCORDINGLY, ASKS THE
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AS TO SHOW THE CANAL ZONE AS A POSTAL SUBDIVISION OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA AND TO DELETE AT THE SAME TIME THE MENTION OF THE CANAL ZONE AS A PART OF "THE WHOLE OF THE TERRITORIES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA".

BECAUSE OF THE FRIENDLY TIES WHICH LINK THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE WITH THE PEOPLES AND GOVERNMENTS OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE DELEGATIONS PRESENT HERE, THE DELEGATION OF PANAMA HAS THE HONOUR TO ASK THEM TO GIVE THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA SUPPORT COMMENSURATE WITH ITS JUST ASPIRATIONS.

THE DELEGATION OF PANAMA TAKES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE TO THE HONOURABLE DELEGATIONS THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

LAUSANNE, 25 MAY 1974 (SIGNED) MATERNO VASQUEZ
MINISTER HEAD OF THE DELEGATION OF PANAMA (REP).
END QUOTE.DALE UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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